

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 LINSLEY STREET  
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES**

Date: July 11, 2013

6:00 p.m.

**THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473**

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Carole Franceschet, Alicia Clapp, Jennifer Caldwell, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Absent: Anita Anderson, Bryan Bogen, Matthew Kerzner, and Wesley O'Brien

Mrs. Franceschet introduced Steven Cusano, a graduate of North Haven High School, who for the past two years had a concert on the green. Steven has had this 'Give Back' concert for two years and has donated all of the proceeds to the North Haven Public School. This year he raised \$3,000 for the North Haven Public Schools.

Mrs. Franceschet made the following motion:

Moved: to add an action item under Personnel

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Goldie Adele  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of June 13, 2013
- b. Approval of the 2012-2013 Budget (year- end)

Moved: to approve the items under the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

**Items Removed from Consent Agenda:**

**2. Chairman's Report – No Chairman's report**

**3. Budgets:**

- a. Discussion of the 2013-2014 Budget

**4. Report of Standing Committees**

- a. **Finance and Operations-** There was no Finance and Operations Meeting due to lack of quorum

1. Discussion regarding School Breakfast Program

Mrs. Carling reported that Ms. Donnelly will be at the August Board of Education Meeting to discuss the School Breakfast Program and its advantages at our schools, and answer any questions the Board of Education may have.

**b. Personnel**

1. Approval of Fall Coaches

TABLED

Moved: to table the approval of the Fall Coaches until August Board of Education Meeting

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of the Superintendent to hire in July and August

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

**c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning** – there was no Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting. Next meeting will be scheduled for the end of August.

**d. Policy Committee**

Mrs. Caldwell reported that the Policy Committee met twice, on June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 8, 2013. On June 17<sup>th</sup> the committee met with the athletic director and discussed revision and development of policies that impact booster clubs and parent organizations. They reviewed policies and current practices in the district. The committee plans to organize a meeting with booster club members, parent organizations, coaches and captains. The committee would also like to get input from key stakeholders as these policies may have an impact on the way these programs functions

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the committee met and continued discussion on the community relations sections of the policy manual. They were able to complete the review of many policies and will continue to review at the next meeting.

Mrs. Caldwell reported that the first advisory committee was held on June 20, 2013. There were many responses from parents wanting to participate and she was able to fill all parent positions at the schools as well as staff positions. At the first meeting they identified beliefs/philosophy of education, as well as strengths, weakness and opportunities within the district. The next Advisory Meeting is July 17, 2013, where they will be working on the mechanisms for advisory committee members to get input from parent/staff in their perspective schools. The committee will begin working with students in the fall. The committee will have students in grades 3, 4, 5, having two reps for each grade and the NHMS and NHHS will have a maximum of 30 students per session. Students will sign up and participate on a first come basis

At the next meeting Mrs. Caldwell stated the committee will review other policies, including social media, school public TV/Radio, recognition of staff, students and Board members, as well as soliciting funds from and by students. That next meeting will be on July 29, 2013.

**5. ACES** – there was no ACES meeting this month

**6. North Haven PTA Council** – there was no PTA Council meeting this month

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

- Mrs. Franceschet attended Flag Day at Montowese Elementary School

**7. Enrollment**

**8. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Cronin reported on the following:

- Annual End of the Year Report – reviewing the District Improvement Plan. Dr. Cronin stated that there are huge changes coming to schools and the way we are doing our work. Dr. Cronin stated there are three things to be aware of. They are:
  - Common Core State Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics, which the State of Connecticut has adopted and will be in full implementation at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Cronin stated that all of North Haven's new work has the standards woven into it.
  - Teacher and Administrator Evaluations. Dr. Cronin has stated that North Haven administrators have already had training on the new model. Dr. Cronin reported that the entire administrative group will have one week of training beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup> on the State model.
  - New Student Assessments are also coming up and Dr. Cronin would recommend the Smarter Balance program which will be discussed at Curriculum and Instruction Meetings.
- Update on hiring. Interview process has begun. There are nine positions at the high school as a result of the retirements. Dr. Cronin has been interviewing for the guidance positions, science position, mathematics, business, family and consumer science position, world language, as well as special education.

**9. Director of Curriculum & Instruction's Report** – No report

**10. Public Comments**

- Kurt Sendlein, Winchester Drive – out of district transportation concerns
- Gail Tiedemann-Grillo, Winchester Drive – out of district transportation concerns

**11. Executive Session** – student discipline matters

Moved: to go into Executive Session for student discipline matters

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Goldie Adele  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Returned to public session at 8:10 p.m.

## 12. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell  
AYE: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Anderson*

Anita Anderson,  
Chairman